# **Guilden Sutton Parish Council**

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 4 February 2013 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr D Hughes.

Present: Cllrs A Davis, D M Fisher, D Hughes, W Moulton, P M Paterson, M S J Roberts.

In attendance. Cllr S Parker, PC R Boulton.

- 1 Procedural matters.
- (i) Declarations of interest. Members were reminded that they should declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or any Other Disclosable Interest which they may have in any matter or item to be considered at the meeting. Any declaration must be made before the matter, or item, was considered or as soon as the Member became aware a declaration was required. With a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must not take part in the discussion or vote and must withdraw. There was no right to speak as a member of the public. With an Other Disclosable Interest, the Member must not take part in the discussion or vote but may remain in the room after making a statement if he/she wished to do so. Declarations were a personal matter for each Member to decide. The decision to declare, or not, was the responsibility of the Member based on the particular circumstances.
- (ii) Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr I Brown.

Apologies were received from Cllr M Parker.

(iii) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 January 2013. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 January 2013 were proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed subject to the insertion of the following at the commencement of minute 9 (xi) Budget 2013/14.

Prior to the discussion of this item, the Council resolved unanimously to grant dispensation to those Members present (as minuted above) under section 33 (2) (a) of the Localism Act for the discussion of item 9 (xi) involving the setting of the precept as without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of the business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business.

- (iv) Code of Conduct. The Clerk would clarify the wording of the standing advice contained within the minutes as to action to be taken by a Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. **Action: The Clerk**.
- (v) Dates of future meetings: Mondays 4 March, 8 April, 13 May, 3 June, 15 July, 2 September, 7 October,
- 4 November and 2 December 2013. As the originally proposed date of 6 May 2013 for the annual parish meeting and the annual meeting of the Council was the Early May Bank Holiday, an alternative meeting place was being sought by the Clerk for the new date of Monday, 13 May 2013 as it was probable the Village Hall would not be available on that date. **Action: The Clerk**.
- (vi) Late information report 4 February 2013. The late information report for the current meeting was received and noted.
- (vii) Boundary Commission for England 2013 review of parliamentary constituencies. It was understood this review would not now come into effect before 2018. Further inquiries were being made by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk**.
- (viii) Review of handling of information correspondence. The continued increase in the volume of information correspondence being received would be reviewed by the Council in due course.
- (ix) Reimbursement of Members' expenses. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (x) Resignation of Cllr J Hughes. The Chairman reported the receipt, with immediate effect, of the resignation of Cllr J Hughes. The Clerk informed of the process for filling the vacancy. It was agreed unanimously that a letter should be sent to former Cllr J Hughes thanking her for her contribution to the work of the Council and to the community particularly during her year of office as Chairman. **Action: The Clerk**.

- (xi) Royal Garden Party. The Clerk reported the Council had been invited by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils to nominate two people to enter a ballot to attend a Royal Garden Party taking place on 22 May 2013. It was agreed the Chairman and Mrs Hughes should be so nominated in recognition of past service.
- 2 Community engagement.
- (i) Public speaking time.
- (a) Public speakers.

There were no public speakers.

(b) Visiting members, officers and wardens.

Cllr S Parker. Cllr S Parker kindly informed of current Cheshire West and Chester Council issues including the forthcoming budget meeting of the Council. He indicated that funding was still available from the ward members' personal budgets and encouraged the Council to put forward suitable bids by the end of February. In connection with the ongoing governance review of the parish, Cllr Fisher referred to correspondence to occupiers with respect to phase two of the consultation and expressed concern that unfortunate terminology contained therein could be taken to indicate the borough council had predetermined that the parish should be abolished. Cllr Parker indicated this was not the case and it was agreed this issue would be referred to officers. The Chairman thanked Cllr Parker for kindly providing a grit bag during the recent winter weather.

PC R Boulton. PC R Boulton kindly attended and gave a brief overview. PC Boulton stressed the need for property, including vehicles, to be left secure. Cllr D Hughes referred to continuing problems of inconsiderate parking by school parents in Arrowcroft Road. PC Boulton responded further to Members' questions and was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance.

- (ii) Report of surgery held on Saturday 2 February 2013. Cllrs Brown and Roberts had presided. Cllr Roberts indicated occupiers had raised the governance review issue minuted above. Cllrs Davis and Roberts would preside at the surgery to take place on Saturday March 2, 2013.
- (iii) Parish Council drop ins.
- (a) Faster broadband. Further to the well attended drop in held on Tuesday 7 February 2012 the issue would continue to be publicised.
- (b) Participatory budgeting. Further to the disappointing drop in held on Tuesday 28 February 2012 at which there had been no attendance, further opportunities would be sought to raise the profile of the issue.
- (iv) Twitter. The Clerk informed of a third party tweet requesting occupiers not to park on pavements. This would be referred to PC Boulton. **Action: The Clerk.**
- 3 Planning.
- (i) Current/new applications were as follows (most recent first):

Addition of Velux roof light to front.

Mulberry House 2 The Steadings Wicker Lane Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7EL

Ref. No: 13/00297/FUL | Validated: Wed 23 Jan 2013 | Status: Pending consideration.

The documents were awaited.

Single storey rear and second floor extensions.

Highfield Wicker Lane Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7EL

Ref. No: 13/00100/FUL | Validated: Mon 14 Jan 2013 | Status: Pending consideration.

The documents were awaited.

Additional Velux roof light to rear elevation

3 The Steadings Wicker Lane Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7EL

Ref. No: 12/05660/FUL | Validated: Fri 04 Jan 2013 | Status: Pending consideration

No objection. Cllrs Paterson, Brown.

Installation of an external flue for a wood burning stove for the full height of the house plus two foot clearance

45 Oaklands Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7HE

Ref. No: 12/05407/FUL|Validated: Mon 17 Dec 2012|Status: Pending consideration

Council comment:

The flue would be clearly visible from the living room of no 47, where there is no objection and very obvious to users of that property's garden. There are concerns that the drawings supplied with the application do not show how the flue will be supported nor how it will be prevented from causing injury to garden users. There are also no details of how the flue will pass the gable end of the house. This flue would not be characteristic of other chimneys in the village where other residents have enclosed flues in brick chimneys. If constructed, the primitive industrial style flue would create a precedent as there are many houses of similar design in the village and the streetscene would be very adversely affected by similar developments on end gables, many of which would be visible from the street. The Council therefore OBJECTS to the application. If the local planning authority is minded to give permission, the colour of the flue should be conditioned as black which would be less obtrusive. Cllrs Fisher, Moulton. The Clerk having circulated the case officer's report, Cllr Fisher expressed disappointment that no condition had been imposed as to the colour of the flue as requested.

Double garage

Manor House Hare Lane Chester Cheshire CH3 7DB

Ref. No: 12/05352/FUL | Validated: Thu 13 Dec 2012 | Status: Pending consideration.

#### Clirs D Hughes, Roberts.

It was agreed that given the location of the property, there would be no objection in principle to the provision of garaging although the Council would wish the proposal to comply with green belt policy. Single storey rear extension includes amendments to integral garage

12 Middlecroft Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7HF

Ref. No: 12/05180/FUL | Validated: Tue 20 Nov 2012 | Status: Application permitted.

No objection. Cllr D Hughes.

Single storey rear extension.

10 Middlecroft Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7HF

Ref. No: 12/05038/FUL | Validated: Mon 19 Nov 2012 | Status: Application permitted.

No objection but LPA requested to take account of previous new build and to consider if there would be any unacceptably detrimental effect on the Green Belt. **Clir D Hughes.** 

Use of flats 1 and 2 and cottage as dwelling houses.

Park Farm Guilden Sutton Lane Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7EX

Ref. No: 12/04138/LDC/Validated: Thu 27 Sep 2012/Status: Pending consideration.

Council comment:

Thank you for consulting the Council as a neighbouring parish.

The Council wishes the LPA to reach a decision on the basis of the evidence available to it as Members are unable to comment further. There is some concern the breach was allowed to occur and to become immune without the knowledge of the LPA. Members suggest that conditions such as these should be monitored by the LPA to ensure compliance.

Mickle Trafford and District response:

The Parish Council have no observations, providing the planning authority is satisfied that the proposal will not cause undue inconvenience to the neighbours. If this dwelling is shown to block neighbours light or overlook neighbours property then the Parish Council would share the neighbour's concerns. The Parish Council presume that where applicable the guidance of the Mickle Trafford & District Village Design statement will be followed in the planning authority's decision making. We would also assume that Guilden Sutton Parish Council have also been consulted.

#### Cllr D Hughes/Cllr Davis.

(ii) Appeal.

13/00001/REF | Detached dwelling | Land At The Cottage Church Lane Guilden Sutton CH3 7EW. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

- (iii) Development control process.
- (a) LPA: e notifications. The Clerk was continuing to monitor the position. Action: The Clerk.
- (b) Planning postcards. Members requiring planning postcards would notify the Clerk. **Action: All Members.**
- (iv) Community planning.
- (a) Parish Plan. Clerk reported he was dealing with correspondence received from Cheshire Community Action requiring a statement of account and the completion of a feedback form. **Action: The Clerk.** Cllr Paterson indicated the balance remaining from the initial grant would be applied to implement aspects of the action list.
- (b) Christleton Community Plan. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (c) Village Design Statement. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (d) Neighbourhood Planning:
- (i) Co-operation with Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (ii) Cheshire Association of Local Councils. (a) Neighbourhood plans workshop. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iii) On line course. Further to former Cllr J Hughes reporting further on neighbourhood plans and neighbourhood development areas and to a decision being required initially as to whether the parish wished to have a neighbourhood plan and the area it would cover, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iv) Cheshire West and Chester Council questionnaire. Further to the Clerk advising a survey had been received to assist the borough council in preparing a bid for Government funding in connection with neighbourhood planning and to a response having been made, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (e) Affordable housing. Chester Villages Housing Group. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the housing need survey proposed by the Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council
- (f) Housing reform. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (v) Strategic Planning.
- (a) Gypsy and Traveller issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage which would directly affect Guilden Sutton.
- (b) Local Development Framework.
- (i) Consultation. There was nothing further to report at this stage to that minuted beneath.
- (ii) Chester Green Belt. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iii) Local Plan: ChALC consultation, possible financial contribution. Further to Members agreeing an initial response to the Cheshire Association of Local Councils as to any financial contribution to the cost of professional representation at the Examination in Public, the Association was being asked to indicate the response it had received to this aspect. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (c) Cheshire West and Chester Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (d) Chester One City Plan. There was nothing further to report at this stage. 12/13 155

- 4 Quality Council issues.
- (i) Training: (a) General Power of Competence. The Clerk would attend a training course to take place on Wednesday 27 March, 2013. (b) General. It was noted a 'General Power of Competence' training session was to take place in Neston on Thursday 7 February 2013. (iii) Training dates 2013. Members had noted the proposed training dates for 2013 and would advise the Clerk should they wish to attend (ii) Quality Councils Forum. It was noted the next meeting was due to take place on 20 February 2013. Cllr Moulton would attend. (iii) Quality Parish Council Status. (a) Conduct of Council business. The NALC model standing orders would be considered by the Quality Council group. (b) Certificate. The Clerk was to obtain copies to enable the original to be displayed in the Village Hall. (c) Review of the Quality Council Accreditation Scheme 2012/13. The Clerk reported briefly on this review of aspects of the Quality Council scheme.
- 5 Parish car park.
- (i) Grounds maintenance. There was nothing further to report at this stage. The emptying of the litter bin by Cheshire West and Chester Council was being kept under review by the Clerk as part of his weekly visits. The issues raised by Mrs Kirk would remain under consideration.
- (ii) Improvement scheme. This would be revisited in due course.
- (iii) Rear boundary wall. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 6 Leisure Services
- (i) Children's Playing Field.
- (a) Grounds maintenance issues including litter bin emptying. The need for the field side goal mouth to receive attention at some stage would remain under consideration. Cllr Roberts informed of the receipt of correspondence from Mr P Stockton as to the condition of the field. Mr Stockton would be informed this was being kept under close observation by the Council and the new grounds maintenance contractor would be asked to take appropriate measures as soon as ground conditions permitted in advance of the season. Cllr Paterson indicated she was kindly emptying the litter bin.
- (b) Mole infestation. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (c) Nets. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (d) Basket ball equipment. The Clerk reported Play Inspection and Maintenance Service had expressed concern as to a possible hazard presented by the equipment. This was being discussed with the inspector by Cllr Paterson. **Action: Cllr Paterson**.
- (e) Fields in Trust. (f) Sports England's Protecting Playing Fields Fund. Cllr Paterson referred to the following information circulated by the Clerk:

The borough council has advised of the latest round of Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields fund which will help enhance local playing fields or create new sports pitches. The Council's Rural Locality Team are also keen to assist and support any applications for this funding from local community groups and would be grateful to know of any interest in making an application to the fund.

Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 are available to bring disused playing fields back into use, improve the condition of pitches (e.g. levelling, drainage, reseeding), buy new playing field land (not less than 0.2 hectares) and to buy existing playing field land where there is a known threat, such as the expiry of a lease or a development proposal.

The deadline for this round is 18 February 2013, but there is a further round later in the year. Further information, including very useful sample budgets and spreadsheets, is available on the website: www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting\_playing\_fields.aspx

It was agreed a note should appear in the forthcoming newsletter inviting landowners who may be willing vendors to contact the council. **Action: The Clerk.** 

- (ii) Children's Play Area.
- (a) CCTV and CCTV protocol. (i) Upgrade. Further to Cllr D Hughes referring to a possible future upgrade of the system, the Clerk would investigate the possibility of grants. 12/13 156

- (ii) Protocol. A simple protocol covering the inspection of images captured by the system would be progressed in due course by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.** (ii) Maintenance. Further to Cllrs Roberts and Paterson expressing the view the equipment should be checked on a regular basis, the Clerk had contacted the contractor. A response was awaited and a further approach would be made. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (b) Inspections. (i) Rota. The report for January 2013 had been received from Play Inspection and Maintenance Services and had been considered by Cllr Paterson. (ii) Equipment. Following the suggestion by Cllr Brown that the equipment might be repainted, no further action would be taken pending the outcome of the Clerk's inquiries as to a possible replacement playground. **Action: The Clerk.** (iii) Cleansing. Further to the Clerk informing that Messrs S&H Services had retired, an alternative contractor was being approached. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (c) Bin emptying. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (d) Grounds maintenance issues. Further to Cllr Fisher referring to the height of the boundary hedging which he believed should be reduced to enable parents sitting in the play area to be able to see children leaving the school and to the Chairman kindly agreeing to raise the issue, there was nothing further to report at this stage. **Action: Cllr D Hughes.** The Clerk reported he had obtained a quote for from the inspector for a thorough clean of the safety surfacing in the sum of £650 + VAT. This included the following: jet wash wet pour surfacing, jet wash play equipment, jet wash area of tarmac between the safer surfacing and the main footpath adjacent to the gate. A further sum of £175 + VAT would be added for an application to prevent future growth of moss. It was agreed at the suggestion of Cllr Fisher that an alternative estimate should be sought. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (e) Replacement of safety surfacing. This would be pursued in the event of insufficient funding being obtained to enable a replacement playground. (f) Possible replacement playground. Further to Members noting the Council was in receipt of three quotations, two of which were within the preferred financial parameters, the Clerk would invite these two suppliers to meet the preliminary panel comprising Cllrs D Hughes, Fisher and Paterson with the Clerk. Possible dates would be arranged.
- (f) NHS Western Cheshire voluntary code for smoke free play areas. Further to the Clerk informing of this initiative which the Council intimated it was keen to support, further details were being sought. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (iii) Public Footpaths.
- (a) Footpath 7. There was nothing further to report following the comment by Cllr Paterson as to the condition of the route which had been referred to the Public Rights of Way Warden. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (b) Footpath 2: (i) Clearance and sweeping. The Clerk would continue to report overgrowth on this and other paths which had been referred to Streetscene. Members would advise the Clerk of any other areas of concern of which they became aware. **Action: All Members.** Members noted that Cllr Roberts had identified a trip hazard on Footpath 2 (roots). This has been reported to the Network Steward by the Clerk. Cllr Roberts believed action was awaited. (ii) Steps. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (c) Footpath 1. A response remained outstanding from the Public Rights of Way Unit as to the comments of the Public Rights of Way Warden relating to the condition of part of this route in the vicinity of Belle Vue Cottage and that of the adjoining stile. The warden had also referred to overgrowing trees. The Clerk would seek to progress the issue. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (d) Footpath 3 Further to the Clerk reporting he had been advised by the Public Rights of Way Warden of concerns as to the state of the bank and a leaning wall adjacent to Footpath 3 at the back of houses on Cinder Close, past the Bird in Hand (Grid ref: SJ448679) the matter had been referred through the Ward Members. A response was awaited. The Warden had believed it would be unfortunate if this was to fall on anybody particularly with the very wet weather possibly affecting the stability of the bank and had requested the Council to raise the issue with the Public Rights of Way Unit.
- Further to the Warden advising the path had become impassable due to the deposit of quantities of chicken manure on the farmland causing a build up of contaminated surface water on the route, which was thought to be an environmental hazard taking account of the Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) requirements, there was nothing further to report at this stage as to the Warden raising the issue with the appropriate authorities. It had been noted the water build up around the piles could easily lead to run off in the direction of Church Lane, as had occurred in the recent flooding. 12/13 157

- (e) Rights of Way Group. (i) Bank account. Further to Cllr D Hughes reporting £1,300 remained in the account and the decision that the funds should be returned to the Council as a ring fenced reserve to be applied to public rights of way related activities, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (f) Mid Cheshire Footpath Society. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (g) Greenway. (i) Cyclists/Pedestrians. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to additional signage to inform both cyclists and pedestrians emerging from the Garners Lane access and traffic on Guilden Sutton Lane. (ii) Surface, Garners Lane. Further to the comments made by the Public Rights of Way Warden as to the unsatisfactory condition of areas of the existing surfacing of Garners Lane, a response remained outstanding from the Public Rights Way Unit to which the issue had been referred. It had been noted the Public Rights of Way Warden had reported repeated flooding of the access to the Greenway from Guilden Sutton to PROW. (iii) Garners Lane, ownership. Further to the Clerk informing he had contacted the Public Rights of Way Unit to ascertain the ownership of Garners Lane, the Council remained disappointed that a response was still awaited to this and the inquiries referred to above. The Clerk would seek to progress the issues. **Action: The Clerk.** (iv) Use by horse riders. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (v) Friends of the Millennium Greenway. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (h) Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2011-2016. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iv) Grounds Maintenance. (a) Vale. The Clerk reported he had been advised that grounds maintenance work previously contracted out by Cheshire West and Chester Council had been taken in house in January 2012. (b) Parish Council contract 2012/13. Further to the suggestion by Cllr Fisher, the Clerk informed he had contacted Cheshire West and Chester Council Streetscene which had advised a service could be offered to town and parish councils but no spare capacity would be available during 2013/14 which was already scheduled. The Council was welcome to seek an estimate for 2014/15. The Clerk reported further on estimates which had been provided by contractors employed respectively by Christleton Parish Council and by Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council. Both had been spoken to by the Chairman and there was little difference between the two bids, both of which were acceptable. It was agreed that Robs Garden Services should be selected as the preferred contractor subject to a pre contract meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman
- (v) Public Seats. Guilden Sutton Lane. This had been inspected by the Clerk who believed maintenance should be carried out in the early Spring. He would also inspect the seat on Wicker Lane. **Action: The Clerk**
- (vi) Fox Cover. (i) Landscaping. Further to the possible need for growth to be cut back, which had been referred to Streetscene, a response was awaited, Mr and Mrs Dawson, the occupiers of an adjoining property, having expressed concern the planting was taking their light.
- (vii) Provision for youth. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (viii) Wild flower meadow. The Clerk was contacting the highway authority as to the suggestion that wild flower planting might take place on the embankments of the Guilden Sutton Lane diversion. **Action: The Clerk.**

### 7 Public transport.

- (i) Services, general. C27. Further to Cllr Roberts indicating the 1335 service was not running, time table information was not being updated and passengers were being stranded by deviations from the expected route, the Clerk indicated that similar and related issues had been raised at the Chester Area Meeting. These had been referred to the Integrated Transport Service. An acknowledgement had been received and further advice was awaited.
- (ii) Moorcroft Crescent inbound bus stand. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iii) Timetable information. There was nothing further to report at this stage to that minuted above.
- (iv) Service DB8. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (v) Railway halt, Mickle Trafford, Mid Cheshire Railway Users Association. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

- (vi) Shelter cleaning. Following the retirement of Messrs S&H Services and to the Clerk informing an estimate had been sought from an alternative contractor, there was nothing further to report at this stage. 8 Highways.
- (i) Major schemes. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (ii) Issues with the highway authority, ownership by Traffic Group. The Clerk had reviewed the revised list of issues which the Traffic Group would seek to progress. This had been forwarded to the Area Highways Manager with a request for possible dates. A response was awaited.
- (iii) Current issues
- (a) Speed issues.
- (i) Community speed management. Further to the Chairman referring to the speed of traffic on Station Lane and to the expectation the Police would support action on that road and on School Lane, the Chairman was to discuss this with PC Boulton. **Action: Clir D Hughes.**
- Cllr Moulton indicated he had kindly arranged the following dates for the use of the SID equipment: 12-19 April; 10-17 May; 7-21 June; 12-19 July; 6-13 September 2013.
- (b) Signing and lining schemes. (i) Gateway treatment, Guilden Sutton Lane red patch SLOW marking.
- (ii) Suggestion by former Cllr Kerfoot that a lining scheme or rumble strips on Porters Hill would improve safety. Both these issues remained with the Area Highways Manager.
- (c) Speed review, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the Clerk's understanding that following his renewed approach to the highway authority as to the status of the intended 30mph limit, the issue was under review.
- (d) Speed review, Wicker Lane/Hare Lane. The issue remained with the Area Highways Manager. The more recent request made by Mrs Earlam for a reduced speed limit on Wicker Lane and the installation of a permanent speed indicator device also stood referred.
- (e) Footway rear Cathcart Green/Summerfield Road. Further to the comments made at a surgery as to the need for repairs to this unadopted path, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (f) School parking. Further to Members being advised that PC Boulton had suggested the possibility of a residents' parking scheme, further information had been sought by the Clerk. He reported his approach to Cheshire West and Chester Council had been referred on but no response had been received. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (g) Flags, Summerfield Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (h) Junction A41/Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (i) Road signs. Members would advise the Clerk if they became aware of any road signs in and around the village which were obscured by vegetation.
- (i) Migration of gravel. There was nothing further to report at present.
- (k) Porters Hill. The issue raised by Cllr D Hughes concerning poor visibility encountered by motorists driving up the hill and a suggestion that traffic signals might improve safety together with the effect of trees overhanging the road remained with the Area Highways Manager. The correspondence from the Drs Worth, Orchard Croft expressing concerns about the safety of that part of School Lane, particularly for the users of mobility scooters, has been referred to the Area Highways Manager.
- (I) Path, Cinder Lane to Church Lane. (i) Condition. Further to Cllr D Hughes referring to the condition of this path which it was understood had been placed in an eight week schedule by Streetscene, the position would continue to be monitored. (ii) Use by motor cycles. There was nothing further to report as to the complaint to the Public Rights of Way Warden with respect to the use of this path by motorcyclists which had been referred to Streetscene by the Area Highways Manager. 12/13 159

- (m) Footway, Guilden Sutton lane, obstruction by nettles, brambles and an overgrown hedge respectively. Members would advise the Clerk if any of these concerns remained, including the location.
- (n) Flooding, Church Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (o) Verges, Guilden Sutton Lane CDS. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (p) Speed limit, Station Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the operation of the 30mph limit other than that minuted above.
- (q) Flooding, Wicker Lane. Further to former Cllr J Hughes reporting that water runoff and icing had recurred, this had been reported to the Network Steward. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (r) Planters. The installation of the planters was awaited. Further inquiries would be made by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk**. Adopters would be sought for those on Station Lane and Wicker Lane, Cllr Moulton having intimated he would be happy to care for the planter at the reservoir.
- (s) Steps, Heath Bank to Guilden Sutton Lane. The condition of these steps remained with the Area Highways Manager.
- (t) Subsidence, reinstatement Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage following the condition of the reinstatement of this heavily trafficked section of the road being inspected by the Clerk at a site meeting with the Area Highways Manager.
- (u) Church Lane/Wicker Lane, overgrowth at corner. There was nothing further to report at this stage,
- (v) School Lane. Further to the work which had been in progress to reduce pressure on the boundary wall of a property adjoining the narrower length of footway on Porters Hill, there was nothing further to report at this stage to that minuted above.
- (w) Traffic management. Further to Cllr Moulton informing of the opportunity to inform the Police of locations at which a survey of the volume, type and speed of traffic would be of benefit, there was nothing further to report at this stage as to the suggestion by Cllr J Hughes that such a survey should be carried out on Wicker Lane.
- (x) Footways, Oaklands. Further to Cllr Paterson informing as to the condition of the footway at 5-13 Oaklands, this had been brought to the attention of the Area Highways Manager. The Clerk was to inspect other similar areas. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (y) Village access for mobility scooters. There was nothing further to report at this stage to that minuted above.
- (z) Parking, Summerfield Road. The increase in the incidence of long term parking outside the shops continued to be monitored. Further to the receipt of correspondence from Mr John Browne as to parking conditions immediately to the front of the shops, this had been raised with the highway authority. A response was awaited. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (za) Traffic group. There was nothing further to report at this stage other than that minuted above.
- (zb) 20 mph limit. The Clerk would progress engagement with the community as to their views on a 20mph limit being sought for the existing 30mph area within the parish. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (zc) Ward members' meeting with Area Highways Manager, 14 December 2011. Advice was awaited on the Guilden Sutton issues: junction Guilden Sutton Lane and the A41, speed limits on Guilden Sutton Lane and Wicker Lane, kerbing on Wicker Lane and possible options for a new vehicular entrance to a property on Wicker Lane.
- (zd) Church Lane. Further to Cllr Paterson informing of a defect in Church Lane advised by Mr B J Bailey and to the Network Steward reporting the area would be monitored during the course of routine visits to the area, there was nothing further to report at this stage.

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- (ze) Speed markings, Wilding Business Estate. Further to Cllr Moulton informing that traffic markings kindly provided by Mr Anthony Wilding some years ago were now faded and to his belief they should be reinstated and strengthened with an unofficial stop sign, this was being raised with the estate. **Action:**The Clerk.
- (zf) Arrowcroft Road/Jct School Lane. Further to the Clerk informing of an overflowing gully, the Network Steward had confirmed the situation would continue to be monitored to determine if relaying of the carrier drains was required.
- (zg) Guilden Sutton Lane: footway drainage. Further to the Network Steward informing works orders were being prepared to install two additional gullies in the footway to capture surface water run-off from the adjacent field, it was noted that flooding continued during adverse weather in the absence of the proposed remedial measures.
- (zh) Obstructed pavements. Further to the site meeting which had taken place on 12 November 2012 attended by Cllrs D Hughes, Paterson, Roberts and Bert Sapio Esq, Network Steward to deal with issues highlighted by Members of the Council and by Mr Jackson, the Network Steward had been thanked for his prompt action to resolve the issues which had been raised.
- (zi) Speed limit, A41. Further to the Clerk informing of a request by Great Boughton Parish Council to the highway authority for a 50mph speed limit to apply between Sainsbury's Roundabout and Hoole Roundabout, the Clerk was advising the highway authority of this Council's support. Action: The Clerk. (zj) Winter gritting. (i) Old Hall Park. Further to Cllr Parker being thanked for kindly providing a grit bag for the village centre, the Clerk reported his understanding that occupiers on Old Hall Park had found it necessary to park their cars on the parish car park during the recent snow due to the condition of the road. It was agreed the highway authority should be requested to consider the matter. Action: The Clerk. (b) General. The Chairman further requested the Area Highways Manager should be thanked for the gritting and ploughing which had taken place in the parish. This was agreed. Action: The Clerk. (c) Village Hall car park/shops. Cllr Davis suggested the provision of a grit bin as an alternative to a bag. (d) Steps, Fox Cover-Church Lane. Cllr Roberts suggested provision might be considered for gritting of these steps. (e) Correspondence per the Rev Dr Mark Hart. The Chairman informed he had been advised by the Rector, the Rev Dr Mark Hart, that a car had spun on Porters Hill fortunately without any collision. It did not appear the road had been gritted the previous night and a strip of ice had formed possibly caused by water running down the road off the fields. This had been brought to the attention of the Area
- (zk) Flooding, Belle Vue lane. Cllr Paterson referred to flooding which had taken place in Belle Vue Lane which the Network Steward believed on enquiry to be a water main burst.
- (iv) Lighting. (a) Faults. A fault in the vicinity of 60 Oaklands, raised by Cllr Paterson, had been reported. (b) Lighting, Heath Bank and junction Church Lane/Fox Cover steps. Further to the Clerk receiving an approach from the new term maintenance contractor offering street lighting services, further information was being sought to inform a possible bid to the ward members' budgets. **Action: The Clerk.** 9 Finance.
- (i) Income:

Highways Manager. Action: The Clerk.

Co-operative Bank
Bank interest £ t/f
The Clerk informed the current bank statement was outstanding.
Scottish Widows no 1
Interest 1 January 2013 £ 0.00
Scottish Widows no 2
Interest 1 January 2013 £ 2.13
(ii) Payments
PI&MS
Inspection January 2012 £ 36.00 (inc VAT £6.00)
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St John's PCC
Graveyard grant £ 250.00
Clerk's expenses
Postage £ 1.80
Telephone £ 0.00
Photocopies
425@5p £ 21.25
Mileage
8@ 45p per mile £ 3.60
£ 26.65
Proposed by Cllr Moulton
Seconded by Cllr Roberts

and agreed.

(iii) Balances

Co-operative Bank

21 November 2012 £18,188.42

Scottish Widows 1

1 January 2013 £20,004.59

Scottish Widows 2

1 January 2013 £ 3,384.00

(iv) Report on contingency payments.

Budget: £ 944.00 Payments: £ 0.00

- (v) Insurance. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (vi) Audit issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (vii) Review of procedures for risk assessment. There was nothing further to report at this stage. Initial consideration of any issues arising would be referred on an ongoing basis to the Audit Group.
- (viii) Participatory budgeting. There was nothing further to add to that minuted above.
- (ix) Clerk's gratuity. Members visited the payment of the annual transfer of 3.75% to the Clerk's gratuity account in view of the repeal of the regulations and uncertainty as to the options. Pending advice being sought as to the current position, it was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed that a transfer should be authorised to the gratuity account of 3.75% of the Clerk's current annual salary.
- (x) Budget 2013/14. The Clerk confirmed a precept of £15,721 had been requested based on the calculation reported to the budget meeting of the Council.
- (xi) Cash book. Further to the Clerk informing that with the agreement of the Audit Group he had ceased the use of the manual cash book wef 1 April 2012 in favour of a spreadsheet which could more easily be circulated for Members' information, the Clerk advised his intention that a hard copy of the up to date spreadsheet would be presented at each meeting for initialling by the Chairman.
- 10 Environment Services.
- (i) Waste collection and recycling issues. (a) Members continued to have concerns about missed collections from the Village Hall car park area and spillages. The clerk informed of complaints by Mr P Dyson, Guilden Sutton Lane which he had referred to the ward members.
- (ii) Amenity cleansing. (a) Areas of concern. Members would advise the Clerk of locations at which they believed action was necessary. **Action: All Members.** 12/13 162

The condition of the steps from Fox Cover to Church Lane, raised by Cllr D Hughes, was being monitored together with that of the steps opposite from Cinder Lane to Church Lane. Cllr Hughes further believed the path at the rear of orchard Croft together with the dingle path required cleansing and asked for this to be reported to Streetscene. **Action: The Clerk**. (b) Temporary lengthsman. The Clerk reported further as to the trial, which included inspections of the playing field, play area and parish car park. (c) Regular inspections. The suggestion raised by Cllr Moulton as to regular inspections throughout the parish with an increase in the lengthsman's hours would be revisited in due course.

- (iii) Dog fouling: (a) Requests for additional bins dingle path, Belle Vue Lane, School Lane, Garners Lane. These requests continued to be noted. (b) Dog control. There was nothing further to report at this stage following Members referring to increased fouling in the vicinity of the shops and on footpath 2 towards Belle Vue Lane including the issue referred to at the July meeting by Clir Paterson.
- (iv) Sewers. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (v) Noise issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (vi) Equine fouling. There was nothing further to report at this stage. The proposed letter to liveries within the parish was held in abeyance.
- 11 Trees and Hedges.
- (i) Hedges. The increasing obstruction of the footway on Guilden Sutton Lane and at other locations in the village by overgrown hedges was noted, some of which had been visited at the site meeting minuted above. Cllr Brown would make further inquiries as to a standard proforma to advise individual occupiers as appropriate known to be in use elsewhere. **Action: Cllr Brown.** This would be issued by the Clerk to avoid duplication. As a last resort, the highway authority would be requested to take action. The suggestion raised by Cllr Moulton as to regular inspections throughout the parish with an increase in the lengthsman's hours would be revisited in due course.
- (ii) Canopy, Porters Hill. There was nothing further to report at this stage. The issue remained with the Area Highways Engineer who was understood to be reviewing the matter.
- (iii) Footway, Porters Hill. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (iv) Land, Church Lane. Further to the Council being informed of overhanging branches to trees on private land which it was thought could be a potential hazard, a response remained outstanding from the Public Rights of Way Unit given their proximity to public footpath no 2. The Clerk believed some trees had been marked and would confirm. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (v) Hedge, opposite play area. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the assurance the hedge would in future be cut by the Borough Council.
- (vi) Hedge, off Belle Vue Lane. Further to Cllr Fisher informing of the proposal by an adjoining occupier to remove a length of hedge adjoining footpath 2 and to plant a replacement of native species, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (vii) Sycamore, Memorial Garden. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (viii) Trees, Oaklands, fungal disease. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (ix) Hedge off Hill Top Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage following the hedge having been reduced as a result of the site meeting held with Streetscene on 3 August 2011.
- (x) Trees adjoining footpath 2. There was nothing further to report at this stage with respect to the trees and overhanging branches previously reported by Cllr Paterson and to concerns referred to by Cllr D Hughes. It was noted that overgrowth generally was being reported to Streetscene.
- (xi) Trees adjacent to Summerfield House. There was nothing further to report at this stage, Streetscene having advised the proposed work to the trees adjacent to Summerfield House had been deferred due to lack of funds. A response remained outstanding to further inquiries made at the suggestion of Cllr Paterson.

- (xii) Pruning of verge trees. Further to a Member expressing concern at the pruning of trees in a highway verge and to the issue being raised at a site meeting with the Area Highways Manager, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (xiii) Satellite reception, trees, the dell. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (xiv) Overgrown tree, Oaklands/Porters Hill area. Cllr D Hughes was to visit this area with the Clerk.

#### Action: Cllr D Hughes/The Clerk.

- (xv) Cheshire Landscape Trust. Information relating to the Landscape Warden scheme had been referred to Cllr Brown as Tree Warden.
- (xvii) Highway tree adjoining 45 Oaklands, basal growth. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (xvii) Overgrowth, Summerfield Road car park. There was nothing further to report at this stage. It was noted the Network Steward had indicated that further action may be required at some point in the future. (xviii) Shrubs, Wicker Lane. Further to Cllr D Hughes referred to shrubs overhanging the footway in the vicinity of The Vicarage and to Cllr Davis referring to the effect on HGVs of an overgrown hedge through their being thrown into the centre of the carriageway, Cllr D Hughes was to visit this area with the Clerk.
- Action: Cllr D Hughes/The Clerk.
- (xix) Oaks, School Lane/Oaklands junction. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (xx) Hedges, Cinder Lane. Further to the condition of these hedges being raised by Mr B J Bailey and to the Clerk informing that overgrowth generally, including these which obstructed the Longster Trail, had been reported to Streetscene, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (xxi) Footway obstruction from adjoining fields. Further to Cllr D Hughes expressing concern at the number of footways obstructed by overgrowth from adjoining fields, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (xxii) School path. Further to Cllr I Brown referring to a tree in the vicinity of 9 The Dell, further advice would be sought by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (xxiii) Trees, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to trees at Heath Bank, said to be overgrown and a tree outside a house at the junction of Guilden Sutton Lane and Garners Lane which appeared to be dying.
- (xxiv) Hare Lane. The concerns raised by Mrs G M Reeder, Cheviot, Hare Lane as to overgrowth obstructing sight lines and the size of trees at various locations on Hare Lane had been progressed by Cllrs D Hughes and Brown. Overgrowth and sight line issues had been referred to the Network Steward. Mrs Reeder would be kept informed. **Action: The Clerk.**.
- (xxv) Tree, Wicker Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the issue raised by former Cllr J Hughes.
- (xxvi) Debris, Cinder Lane. Further to Cllr Roberts advising the Clerk that a member of the public had been injured by a thorn remaining from arisings resulting from hedge cutting and to the matter being reported to Streetscene, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 12 Cheshire Association of Local Councils.
- (a) Chester Area Meeting. The Clerk, as Honorary Secretary, reportedly a successful meeting had taken place on Wednesday 23 January 2013. It was hoped the Head of Planning and Transport, Cheshire West and Chester Council would attend the next meeting due in April.
- (b) Standards training. The clerk informed that training for parish and town council chairmen and clerks in Cheshire West and Chester had been arranged for Thursday 21 February 2013 at 7pm at the Cheshire Fire and Rescue HQ in Winsford. The training was intended to support Members about how to be open and transparent about their interests under the new rules, following the abolition of the Standards Board regime. He hoped to be able to attend.

- 13 Cheshire West and Chester Council.
- (i) Community Forums. (a) Chester Villages. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (b) Inaudibility of proceedings. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (ii) Contact card. Further to the suggestion that Cheshire West and Chester Council might produce a card showing the telephone numbers which people should contact with frequently raised issues, there was nothing further to report at this stage, the matter having been raised with the parish liaison officer.
- (iii) Community governance review. Members revisited their concerns raised at an earlier stage in the meeting as to the phase two consultation of which the Council had no prior knowledge. It was not known if the consultation letter had gone to each household in the parish or to a sample. Members were concerned that these issues should be clarified together with a concern raised by Cllr Fisher as to whether the letter and questionnaire had been properly scrutinised as to research standards prior to distribution. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (iv) Special expenses. The Clerk understood the special expenses reduction, introduced by the borough council in 2012/13 to deal at least in part with the double taxation issue would continue on the same basis in 2013/14.
- (v) Altogether Better, Community Empowerment and Delivery. The Council would revisit whether or not it wished to respond to the template provided.
- (vi) Review of special educational needs provision. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (vii) Grant assistance for graveyard maintenance. The payment of £250 to the PCC had been agreed as minuted above.
- (viii) Cheshire West, consultation on a new governance model. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- (ix) Support for public houses. Members considered the information received beneath together with correspondence circulated by Cllr Roberts re the Bird in Hand.

New Community Services Fund for British Pubs

The borough council has advised the rural pub services and community champions, Pub is The Hub, has announced the launch of The New Community Services Fund to help UK pubs to diversify into new services provision for their own communities. Pub is The Hub wants to raise £1 million over the next two years. The Government has kick-started the fund with a £150,000 donation to the Community Services project. In addition the drinks company Diageo plc, has donated £50,000 and is urging other companies to follow suit. Pub is the Hub has advised and supported small scale diversification schemes and community acquisitions all over England, Wales and Scotland; from the installation of libraries and production of school meals in pubs through to larger capital projects such as farm shops and post offices. http://www.pubisthehub.org.uk/news/story/new\_community\_services\_fund\_boost\_for\_british\_pubs
Cllr Roberts informed of his understanding the premises were for sale with the option a local consortium might purchase them outright. He pointed out to the public house had been a source of employment for people in the village and its loss would be a regret.

- 14 Cheshire Community Action. There were no action items to report.
- 15 CPRE. There were no action items to report.
- 16 Health. There were no action items to report.
- 17 Policing.
- (i) Western Police Area Question Time. The Clerk understood the future of such meetings had been raised by the Executive Board of the County Association with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- (ii) Crime. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
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- (iii) Parking, Arrowcroft Road. Possible measures to deal with continuing inconsiderate parking were minuted above.
- (iv) Parking, Cinder Close. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 18 Newsletter. The reporting forms on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website would be publicised in a future edition.
- 19 Memorial Garden. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 20 Bulb planting. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the proposal by the Vice Chairman that blue naturalising crocus should be planted in the dell. Should Members favour the planting of snowdrops, it had been noted these would need to be purchased soon as they were best planted in "the green". The need for the borough council's grass cutting contractor to take care in the initial cuts in the vicinity of existing planting remained in mind.
- 21 Parish IT. The need for photographs of Members to complete the web page remained outstanding 22 Primary School. Cllr D Hughes reported further.
- 23 Land ownerships. (i) General. Further consideration would be given to the suggestion by Cllr Paterson that it would be beneficial for the Council to compile a register of land ownerships which adjoined footways and public footpaths.
- 24 Railway fencing, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 25 Community events. It was noted the 2013 fete would take place on 13 July 2013.
- 26 Land Registry. Further to the Clerk reporting the receipt of an approach by the Land Registry as to parish councils ensuring their land was registered at a discounted fee from £30 for an estate valued at up to £50,000, the matter would be pursued by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.**
- 27 Enhanced broadband. The clerk informed that Cheshire West and Chester Council had advised the Connecting Cheshire project to bring superfast broadband to the borough had now entered its procurement phase to appoint a telecommunications partner to undertake deployment of fibre broadband. The deployment of the new network infrastructure to outlying and rural homes and businesses would be starting later this year.
- 28 Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Davis would report further to a future meeting.
- 29 MC2, Guilden Sutton Methodist Church. Further to Cllr Paterson referring to action being taken to market the premises by the Methodist Circuit, there was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 30 Summerfield House. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 31 Electricity sub stations: Oaklands estate. Further to Cllr Brown referring to the condition of some electricity sub stations on the estate and to the matter being brought to the attention of Scottish Power, a response remained outstanding. **Action: The Clerk.**
- 32 Remembrance Sunday The Clerk was writing to thank Messrs Gresty for kindly tidying the Memorial Garden free of charge on behalf of the village and for sweeping and relocating the highways diversion sign on the morning of the service.
- 33 Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2013/14 Consultation. There was nothing further to report at this stage.
- 34 Recognition of Volunteers. The suggestion by Cllr Roberts that the Council might consider an award for voluntary work in the parish would be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

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35 Members Information Items.

Development control. Cllr Paterson referred to a possible development control issue.

Housing development. Cllr Moulton referred to the formula used by the borough council when requiring a contribution by developers to educational provision when local primary and secondary schools were full. Access issue Cllr Fisher referred to the possibility of land being made available to improve access in a part of the village. This would be referred to the Network Steward.

36 Information correspondence.

Planning: Parish Online Newsletter; Neighbourhood Planning update – January 2013.

**Leisure services**: Fields in Trust, request for membership.

**Finance**: Co-operative Bank deposit rates; Winter Warning - Came & Company; Payroll Services for Town and Parish Councils.

**Trees and hedges**: CLT Landscape Wardens event Saturday 19 January, 2013 Ellesmere Port. Practical session involving tree and hedgerow planting and other conservation tasks. Advice on invasive species, which are an increasingly common problem of landscape management throughout Cheshire.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils: Councillor training workshop 1, 4 February, 2013.

National Association of Local Councils: Open Public Services 2012 - White Paper.

#### **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

Members' Briefings.

455 - Second Waste Composition Study. This study provides information on a second waste composition study that will be taking place in February in the Chester and Ellesmere Port and Neston areas. This follows on from the previous study in the Vale Royal area, details of which were contained in Members' briefing 404 (17 Sept 2012).

456 - Regulatory Authority Consultation The Better Regulation Delivery Office is seeking views on extending the Primary Authority scheme to include sun beds, housing, health and safety and age restricted sales of gambling.

457 - This provides an update on the budget engagement process. The Council has now published draft budget proposals for 2013/14 and is currently inviting feedback on them.

458 - This provides information on an investigation into a safeguarding incident at a nursing home in the Chester area.

459 – Information re Carfest North (car and music festival) to be held at the Oulton Park racing circuit in August.

460 - Waste Permits Update. A number of improvements to the system are being introduced from February 2013. The changes relate solely to the permit application and delivery process, so the terms and conditions of the permit scheme will remain unchanged. Improvements include the ability to obtain a permit via email.

461 – Roodee Footbridge. Information on work to replace the cantilevered footway, running alongside the railway across the River Dee in Chester.

Local Council Bulletin January 2013; Computers for rural people scheme; ETAPE Mercia closed road cycle event Sunday 18 August, 2013; Partnerships bulletin January 2013 (no 47).

CPRE: Update 9 January 2013.

**Policing:** PC Boulton: January newsletter; Police Inspector update WESTERN RURAL 13, 21 January 2013; Home Watch update - Information from partner agencies; Theft of heating oil; Rogue traders; 12/13 167

Cheshire Constabulary Village Community Awards; Homewatch update Doorstep salesmen regutter cleaning and roof repairs.

#### General

Reaseheath: training to maximise your impact at events and festivals; Construction skills for farmers; Get more from your dairy enterprise.

Rural Services Network: Weekly Email News Digest 7, 14, 28 January 2013; Rural Opportunities Bulletin; MPs rally for fairer rural funding.

## Matters considered in the absence of the press and public.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed that the public and press should be excluded for the remaining part of the meeting pursuant to Section 100 (A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

- 37 Possible enforcement issues.
- (i) Steps, Cinder Lane Church Lane. Further to a Member raising a possible issue concerning these steps, this would continue to be monitored following action by the Network Steward. .
- (ii) Satellite dishes. Advice would be sought from the local planning authority on an issue previously advised to the Council and on any others which may become apparent. The meeting concluded at 10.15pm.

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